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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl No. : 09/669,042  
Applicant : Christoph Widmer et al.  
Filed : September 25, 2000  
Title : "CUSTOM-MOLDED EAR PLUG DEVICE"

TC/AU : 2644  
Examiner : Justin I. Michalski

Customer No. : 000,116  
Docket No. : 32992

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

There appears to be an erroneous charge applied to our Deposit Account 16-0820 on December 22, 2005, in the amount of \$400 (Posting Ref. Txt 09669042). The charge is for independent claims in excess of 3.

After a review of the file, it is believed that this charge is in error. On December 15, 2005 we submitted a Supplemental Amendment "E", which added 2 additional independent claims (fee of \$400) and five additional dependent claims (fee of \$250), which resulted in a total fee due of \$650.00. A check in the amount of \$650.00 was enclosed with our amendment for payment of the claim fees. Enclosed is a copy of our Deposit Account Statement, dated January 26, 2006, showing the erroneous charge. A copy of the cover page of our December 15, 2005 submitted amendment and the return postcard (showing inclusion of a check for \$650.00) showing receipt by the PTO of the submission on December 19, 2005 is also enclosed. A fourth enclosure is a copy of our check (#67709) in the amount of \$650.00, dated December 15, 2005, for the payment of the above mentioned fees, which the PTO endorsed on December 20, 2005.

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Michael W. Garvey

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Name of Attorney for Applicant(s)

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Signature of Attorney

For the above stated reasons, it is requested that a refund be issued in the amount of \$400.00, if appropriate. The refund may be applied to our Deposit Account 16-0820 Order No. 32992.

Respectfully submitted,  
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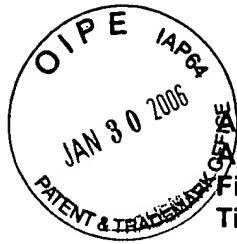
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**Appl. No.** : 09/669,042  
**Applicant** : Christopher Widmer  
**Filed** : September 25, 2000  
**Title** : HEARING DEVICE WITH EMBEDDED CHANNEL (as amended)

**Conf. No.** : 2828  
**TC/AU** : 2644  
**Examiner:** : Justin I. Michalski

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT "E"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed to add additional claims to this application, and is cumulative with the claim amendments filed on March 7, 2005. This amendment adds 2 additional independent claims and five additional dependent claims, resulting in a fee of \$650.00

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Enclosed Are:

☐ **PATENT APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_ New Application Transmittal  
\_\_\_\_ Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)  
\_\_\_\_ Application Data Sheet  
\_\_\_\_ Declaration & Power Of Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ pgs.  
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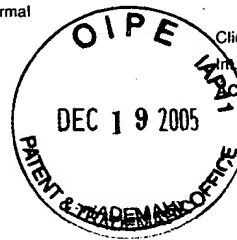
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